

Whole Library Programming: A Look at Adult and Youth Librarian Collaboration

How can you take and apply Whole Library Programming in your library?

Key takeaways:

- 1) Start with thinking of WHO you want to collaborate with.
 - Who has the same goal as you and will they contribute to this goal in the same way you would.
- 2) Go in with an open mind
 - Allow yourself to relinquish some control in order to provide different ideas and programming to be offered to your patrons that you wouldn't have thought of yourself.
- 3) Collaboration is not always equal.
 - Understand that there will be times where you have all the ideas, while your partner may be burnt out creatively and vice versa.
 - Or they have four other projects going on, so you may be carrying the team during that time. That's okay, because the same could happen to you.
- 4) Collaboration still allows time for individualism
 - You don't have to do the same program or activity in the same way at the same time.
 - Take the ideas and resources that are shared collaboratively and adapt them to meet your resources and your patrons needs effectively.
 - This isn't a copy and paste kind of collaboration, rather it is a copy and edit kind of collaboration.

The bottom line is that Whole Library Programming is entirely adaptable to you and your library.

Resources:

Senior nutrition meals:

Jefferson County Aging & Disability Resource Center

https://www.jeffersoncountyiwi.gov/departments/human_services/aging_and_disability_resource_center/index.php

University of Wisconsin-Madison Master Gardening Program:

<https://mastergardener.extension.wisc.edu/>

Virtual Cartoonist Paul Merklein

<https://www.greatbigfaces.com/>

NEA Big Read

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<https://www.arts.gov/initiatives/nea-big-read>

University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Young Auditorium

<https://www.uww.edu/youngauditorium>

Summer Library Program

Collaborative Summer Library Program

<https://www.cslpreads.org/>

Horicon Marsh

<https://horiconmarsh.org/>

Citizen Science Resources:

UW-Madison Wisconsin Pollinators

<https://pollinators.wisc.edu/>

The Wild Wisconsin Bee App

<https://pollinators.wisc.edu/wibee/>

University of Wisconsin-Madison Arboretum Journey North

<https://journeynorth.org/>

SciStarter

<https://scistarter.org/library-kits>

Dementia programming

Library Memory Project:

<https://www.librarymemoryproject.org/>

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Dementia Care

https://www.jeffersoncountywi.gov/departments/human_services/aging_and_disability_resource_center/dementia_care.php

Climb Theater Grandpa and Lucy program

<https://climb.org/2020/02/21/intergenerational-interactions/>